



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5318

February Session, 2010

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AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) On or before January 1, 2011, the
2 Department of Education, in consultation with the Police Officer
3 Standards and Training Council, the Department of Children and
4 Families, the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial
5 Department and the Connecticut School Resource Officer Association,
6 shall develop a plan for a school resource officer training course that
7 includes, but is not limited to, (1) the role and responsibility of school
8 resource officers, (2) relevant state and federal laws, (3) security
9 awareness in the school environment, (4) counseling, mediation and
10 conflict resolution, (5) disaster and emergency response, (6)
11 deescalation of student behavior, including, but not limited to,
12 students with behavioral health and special education needs, (7) child
13 and adolescent psychology and development, (8) cultural competence,
14 and (9) gender-responsive strategies. The plan shall include a cost
15 estimate and timetable for development and implementation of such
16 course and the requirement for successful completion of such course
17 by school resource officers. As used in this subsection, "school resource
18 officer" means a sworn member of a local police department or the
19 Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety who
20 has been assigned to a school in accordance with an agreement
21 between the chief of the appropriate law enforcement agency or the

22 Commissioner of Public Safety and the local or regional board of
23 education.

24 (b) On or before January 1, 2011, the Department of Education shall
25 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
26 statutes, on the plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this
27 section to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
28 having cognizance of matters relating to education.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | July 1, 2010 | New section |

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*